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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS COMPLETED

Project reviews completed from March 15 to April 15 are listed below. These projects have been screened through the internal environmental review process for potential impacts on wetlands, threatened and endangered species, and cultural and archaeological resources, etc. Through the review process it was determined that environmental impacts have been kept to a minimum and mitigated as necessary, that they do not meet the criteria for significant actions as defined in the environmental review process, and may proceed. All of these projects are in compliance with the Endangered Species Protection Act, Natural Areas Preservation Act, Interagency Wetlands Policy Act and cultural resource statutes.

• Illinois Beach State Park

0811031 - This project will replenish the beach nourishment sand stockpile located at North Point Marina's south end. Sand purchased from a local quarry will be trucked over existing access roads, where it will be dumped directly onto the beach shoreline and spread with a bulldozer along the shoreline and into the water. It is estimated that 75,000 tons of sand may be purchased and placed. Project was submitted for review on 4-15-08.

• Fox Ridge State Park

0809164 - This project involves the removal of 300 cubic yards of waste from an open dump. Extraction methods will include the use of a clamp shovel, backhoe, or other mechanical machinery. Debris will be trucked off and disposed of off site. Project was submitted for review on 2-13-08.

• Lake Murphysboro State Park

0810436 - This project involves repair of the Lake Murphysboro dam and spillway. At the concession area, there are two footbridges that need replacement due to rotting structural supports and decking. Project was submitted for review on 3-24-08.

• Prairie Ridge State Natural Area

0810470 - (McCormack Tract) This project involves the removal of invasive brush along wooded waterways to create open horizons for grassland birds. Project was submitted for review on 3-24-08.

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0810471 - (Newlin Tract) This project involves the removal of invasive brush to create open horizons for grassland birds. Project was submitted for review on 3-24-08.

• Sam Parr State Fish & Wildlife Area

0808925 - This project involves the creation of a 3.3 acre wetland. Project was submitted for review on 2-4-08.

• Beall Woods State Park

0810473 - This project involves the removal of Autumn Olive from the understory of a reforestation area on approximately 40 acres. Project was submitted for review on 3-24-08.

• Nenawakwa Land & Water Reserve

0810574 - This project involves the placement of a water main. Project was submitted for review on 2-13-08.

• Illinois River Biological Station

0810154 - This project involves the purchase of the IL River Biological Station in Havana. Project was submitted for review on 3-13-08.

• Nauvoo State Park / Montebello Access

0810511 - This project involves the construction of a covered walk bridge where a covered bridge once existed. Project was submitted for review on 3-26-08.

• Long Run Seep Nature Preserve

0809893 - This project involves the replacement of the bridge that crosses Long Run at High Road. Project was submitted for review on 3-5-08.

Questions and Comments

All questions and comments about the environmental review process or this newsletter should be directed to:

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